Exchange Programme Relating To NRSA

†166. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any interational exchange programme relating to National Remote Sensing Agency with other technologically developed countries especially with America, United Kingdom and Germany etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) of the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) of the Department of Space has exchange programmes with the International Institute of Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), of the Netherlands, and the Groupement pour le Development de la Teledetection Aerospatiale (GDTA), of France.

(b) The exchange includes faculty training, exchanging students for carrying out projects, and sharing of research experience.

Concession to Government Institution

†167. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering to give concession in the form of partnership to the governmental institutions in lieu of technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered the financial aspect in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The Government is examining several modes of public-private partnerships to optimize the use of S&T resources for national development, one of which is participating through equity in lieu of transfer to technology.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

National Road Safety Policy

168. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had formulated the National Road Safety Policy in 1992;

(b) if so, whether after implementation of the said policy the number of road accidents has come down;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the losses being caused due to the road accidents in a year is equivalent to three per cent of the Gross Domestic Production of the country; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The National Road Safety Policy drafted in 1992 was endorsed by the National Road Safety Council in its meeting held on 22.12.1994.

(b) and (c) Although the number of road accidents in absolute terms has increased, however, as a result of various road safety related measures being taken by the Government, the number of road accidents per 10,000 vehicles has been steadily decreasing as under:—

Year	Road accidents per 10,000 vehicles
1990	147.55
2000	80.89
2001	73.76
2002	69.23